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For: Synthetic Polysaccharides, Methods For
Preparing Same and Pharmaceutical Compositions
Containing Said Polysaccharides

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the specification

At page 1, following the title and before the first paragraph, add the following paragraph:

a -- This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/202,241 filed December
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In the claims

Please amend claims 1-21, cancel claims 22 - 24, and add new claims 25-29 as follows
before calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application.

a 1. (Amended) A s[S]ynthetic polysaccharide containing from 8 to 24 monosaccharide units
[formed by] comprising a sequence of disaccharides formed from a uronic acid and from a hexose,